Mayor Kristen Brown called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Patrick Galligar with St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome, Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Aaron Hankins, and James Lienhoop were present.
- D. Frank Jerome made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the City Council meeting of April 16, 2013. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote of seven (7) to zero (0).

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

A. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 2013, AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE COLUMBUS CITY CODE TO ADD SECTION 9.34, ETHICS ORDINANCE." Kelly Benjamin, Attorney for City of Columbus, stated she met with Council President, Ryan Brand, to discuss the proposed ethics ordinance. It was decided to revise the ordinance to a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 8, 2013, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, ADOPTING A CODE OF ETHICAL **CONDUCT**". Kelly explained the Resolution can be discussed and/or voted upon. Ryan Brand stated he and Kelly worked on the Resolution to include as much of the original language in the Ordinance, as well as emphasis on education and guidelines. He explained this is a solid first step for the City to take in regards to educating city employees, volunteers, and elected officials as to what the community expects in regards to ethics. Tim Shuffett likes the resolution and explained one of the key factors for him is that this document has no cost associated other than training time. Tim asked Kelly if the resolution meets the need of both the employees and those who serve on city appointed boards. Kelly replied that as long as Council, city administration and future Council members remember that an ethics resolution exists, it should work. She stated a resolution is basically a promise. The City would need to stay up to date on the education portion. She suggested that the revised Personnel Policy refer to this Resolution as a reminder that all employees need to be educated. Mayor Brown stated she thinks this is a very good first start. She reiterated the \$250 gift limit is extremely high and should be reduced to \$25. Frank Miller stated he concurs with the Mayor. He would like to see a one time limit with an annual cap and suggested \$50 - \$75 limit. Frank Jerome suggested a \$25 limit. Jim Lienhoop stated the issue is not only the avoidance of an ethical conflict, but the avoidance of an appearance. If people understand that they are accepting something from a vendor or someone who wishes to carry influence, that is an ethical dilemma, and it really doesn't matter what the amount is. The most important part about the resolution is the training and awareness. Aaron Hankins shared some concerns about dates and amounts. Discussion followed. Mayor Brown opened the meeting to public comment. Dave Jones, 1614 27th Street, asked if the numbers don't matter why the Council doesn't reduce the numbers to zero across the board and suggested approving an ordinance which is enforceable. Kim Wilson-Bickers of Lapwing Drive said she works in the health care industry and just recently received in-service training. She believes this is an excellent idea and training city employees is significant. Tamara Kiel of Tipton Lane stated she wants accountability and wants to know the guidelines for city employees and her role as a board member for the city. She feels any number other than zero is fudging. She also asked about a declaration of any gifts. Ryan Lauer of Chestnut Street stated this Resolution has no mechanism for someone to report an incident and feels this could be a real problem. He feels a zero gift is ideal. Ryan shared gift amounts that other governmental units and companies allow. He thinks \$25 should be the maximum allowed. Ryan Brand asked if the county has an ethics ordinance. Mr. Lauer stated he is not aware of a county ethics ordinance. Max Lemley stated zero is the number, the examples should start here at a local level. Glen Petri asked if anyone has accepted a gift of over \$250. Mayor Brown said no. Tom Heller says the Council can give people reason to believe and have faith and trust in the City of Columbus. Discussion followed. Tim Shuffett made a motion to replace the Ordinance by accepting the Resolution as presented. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion to accept the Resolution. Discussion followed. Frank Jerome made a motion to replace the Ordinance with the Resolution and amend section 20 b 1 to show a zero (\$0) value, which reads as follows:

Any gift, favor, entertainment, or travel expense from a person and that person's employer that has a cumulative value of zero (\$0) or less, in any year between May 1 and April 30;

Aaron Hankins seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of five (5) in favor and two (2) opposed. Roll call was taken:

Dascal Bunch	aye
Ryan Brand	aye
Frank Jerome	aye
Frank Miller	aye
Tim Shuffett	nay
Aaron Hankins	aye
James Lienhoop	nay

Dascal Bunch made a motion to approve the amended Resolution and change the value in *section 20 b 1* from \$250 to \$0. Frank Jerome seconded the motion. Frank Miller questioned whether *section 20 b 3* should also be amended. Frank Jerome made a motion to amend *section 20 b 3* to read as follows:

Any gift, favor, entertainment or travel expense from the employer of an official's, councillor's, appointee's or employee's spouse, not offered in the normal course of business and directed primarily at the spouse, but including the official, councillor, appointee or employee as a guest, that have a cumulative value of zero (\$0) in any year between May 1 and April 30.

Frank Miller seconded the motion to amend *section 20 b 3*. Motion passed by a vote of six (6) to one (1). Jim Lienhoop voted nay. Dascal Bunch made a motion to approve the Resolution with the two (2) amendments. Frank Jerome seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of six (6) to one (1). Aaron Hankins voted nay.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

A. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 2013, AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND WAGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013." Brian Payne, Airport Director, presented the Ordinance by requesting the addition of a full-time assistant manager position, two (2) additional part-time laborers, an administrative intern, and two (2) seasonal employees. Brian stated the airport is self-sufficient so there are no additional costs to the taxpayers. He further explained the overall cost to add these employees would be approximately \$120,000.00 a year, which does not include any savings. Brian stated cleaning would become in-house and the increase to the budget is really only \$20,000.00. Mayor Brown stated the Airport would be replacing contract employers with full and part time employees. She stated there is enough money in the 2013 budget to transfer funds from other areas in the aviation budget. Discussion followed. There were no public comments. Frank Jerome made a motion to pass the first reading and place the Ordinance in proper channels. Tim Shuffett seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).

IV. Other Business

A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports - Tim Shuffett made a motion to appoint Richard Gold and Kelly Benjamin to the Human Rights Commission. Ryan Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) to zero (0).

B. Discussion Items:

- 1.) Discussion on 8th Street/Richards Land Exchange with BCSC Kelly Benjamin explained two (2) parcels of land owned by the City of Columbus surrounding Richards Elementary School would be exchanged with four (4) parcels of property located north of 8th Street. This property is currently land owned by the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation and has potential recreational use. Kelly stated the exchange of properties would benefit both entities.
- 2.) Cumulative Capital Development Fund Jeff Logston, City Attorney, explained that law allows the City to reestablish this rate to \$0.05 and the filing deadline is August 1. The City is currently at \$0.0346. Jeff stated if the rate is reestablished the additional revenue would be approximately \$350,000.00.
- 3.) Capital Budget Committee Update Jeff Logston provided Council with an updated 2013 Capital Improvements Project List adopted last year. Jeff referred to a bullet point list that included \$1,250,000.00 for two (2) fire apparatus, \$185,000.00 for fire radios, \$250,000.00 for facility maintenance/asset preservation for all fire stations, City Hall and Animal Care, \$400,000.00 for Hamilton Center roof, \$62,000.00 for parks vehicles, and repurpose the SCBA funding for fire generators, staff vehicles and Fire Department IT needs. All funds would originate from the General Fund with the exception of the repurposed SCBA funds

which are appropriated in the EDIT fund. Dave Allmon, Fire Chief, and Ben Wagner, Director of Parks & Recreation, both spoke.

Mayor Brown announced the State of City is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 6:00 o'clock P.M. at The Commons.

- C. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 6:00 o'clock P.M. in City Hall.
- **D.** Dascal Bunch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aaron Hankins seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:47 P.M.

	Presiding Officer	
Attest:		
Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus		